

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP  
*ESTABLISHED 1849*  
ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DECEMBER 8, 2009 7PM

1. **Call To Order**  
Supervisor Keith Potter called the meeting to order at 7PM. Chuck Schaap opened with prayer.
2. **Roll Call.**  
Members present: Keith Potter, Janella Hop, Bob Yonker, Chuck Schaap and Ken DeWeerd.
3. **Late Agenda Items.**
  - Steve McNeal
  - Joanne Brink (Student)
4. **Graafschap Fire Department.**  
Fire Chief Cal Haverdink reported 16 calls for service in November of those 2 were into Fillmore Township consisting of 1 fire and 1 rescue.
5. **Fillmore Township Deputy.**  
Deputy Ron Haverdink reported 31 calls in November.
6. **Horizon Water Operations.**  
The report from Horizon was received for information. To maintain fresh water in the system during the winter months a continuous small flow of water will be discharged at the end hydrant of Logan Court.
7. **Fillmore Township Park.**  
Fillmore Township has been accepted as a grant recipient of Michigan Funds for Development of parkland. The request was for \$301,000, however \$201,000 was allocated, thus the entire project will not be completed at this time.

Approximately 24,000 yards of dredge material has been hauled onto the site to be used for fill.

**8. Abandoned Property Fees.**

The following fees will be established to administer the recently passed Abandoned Residential Property Ordinance.

A motion was brought by Keith Potter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Schaap to approve the fee schedule as follows:

Monthly Administration	\$15.00
Abandoned Structure	\$100.00
Late Fees	\$10.00
Service Fee	\$150.00

PASSED 5-0.

**9. National Flood Insurance Program.**

Fillmore Township must have land areas designated as flood zones for property owners to obtain flood insurance. A Resolution and Ordinance will be reviewed by legal council and approved at a later Board meeting.

**10. Special Use Permit.**

A motion was brought by Keith Potter 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Yonker to approve a Special Use Permit for horse boarding at 4271 60<sup>th</sup> St. Parcel #0306-018-006-00. This request comes from Tom & Kelli Rozema and has been approved by the Fillmore Township Planning Commission at a Public Hearing held on November 16, 2009.

Passed 5-0.

**11. Internet Service.**

FreedomNet Solutions has presented Fillmore Township a proposal to install equipment on the Township's water tower to service residents with wireless internet. Supervisor Keith Potter will continue with details and arrangements of a contract.

**12. Fillmore Township Planning Commission.**

Chuck Schaap reported that the Planning Commission has held a Public Information meeting regarding changes in the Land Use Master Plan. Finding no reason to change the present Plan they have voted to maintain the Master Plan for the next 5 years.

**13. Fillmore Township Board Minutes.**

A motion was brought by Robert Yonker 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janella Hop to approve the November 10, 2009 Board minutes as printed.

PASSED 5-0.

**14. Monthly Bills**

A motion was brought by Kenneth DeWeerd and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janella Hop to approve the November bills as submitted.

PASSED 5-0.

**15. Allegan County Commissioner.**

Commissioner Steve McNeal reported that the final County budget will be voted on December 10. Mr. McNeal feels it is an unbalanced budget since revenues will not meet expenditures. Allegan County has approved the purchase of the land and buildings from Haworth for the Sheriff office and Jail Site.

**16. Public Participation.**

Jerome Bush stated that there is talk at the State level for consolidation of services, particular in the Assessment area. He feels this should remain at the local level.

Keith Potter stated the Allegan County Drain Commission is looking at drainage problems in the Village of Graafschap, Prein & Newhof will be assessing the problems and provide a possible solution.

**17. Treasurer Report.**

Balance on hand November 1, 2009	\$429,083.87
Receipts	\$ 34,561.84
Total	\$463,645.71
Disbursements	\$ 51,914.46
Balance on Hand November 31, 2009	\$411,731.25

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken DeWeerd, Clerk  
Fillmore Township